Christians in rural region of Gujarat

4080. SHRI PRAVEEN RASHTRAPAL: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the helpless, very few Christians in the rural region of Gujarat tribal belt, would be protected from fundamentalist organizations;

(b) whether Government is aware of the recent attack on a Christian minority N.G.O., doing socio-educational work, on the 19th December, 2007 in village Baidiya, Quant near Vadodara;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether Government would ask the National Commission for Minorities to prepare a special report regarding atrocities on Christian minority community in the tribal belt of Gujarat?

THE MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS (SHRI A.R. ANTULAY): (a) to (d) On 19/12/2007, when a group of Christian priests and students of Don Bosco School, Kawant, went to village Baidiya to enact a play as part of a people awareness programme, they were prevented from doing so and later attacked while they were returning to Kawant. The National Commission for Minorities took notice of the news items that reported the incident and sought a report from the Government of Gujarat which conveyed that an FIR was registered at Kawant Police Station (district Vododara), the accused arrested and investigation started.

Practice of Yoga in Kashmir

†4081. SHRI SHREEGOPAL VYAS:
SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY:

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the reports in print media that Muslims are also practicing yoga in Kashmir;

(b) whether practitoners are claiming that yoga is proving helpful in bringing back the good sense in those people; who were following the path of violence; and

(c) whether advice/guidelines regarding the practice of yoga in minority educational institutions would be issued?

THE MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS (SHRI A.R. ANTULAY): (a) and (b) Government of Jammu & Kashmir has intimated that they are not aware of such reports.

(c) There is no such proposal.

Setting up of National Minority Development Corporation

†4082. SHRI MOTILAL VORA:
SHRI SATYAVRAT CHATURVEDI:

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering to set up the National Minority Development Corporation;

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